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The assessed valuation of real and personal property in Missouri has passed the billion dollar mark.

Missouri is said to be safely Democratic—under the operation of an election law which "leaves nothing to chance."

The President has been to Charleston, Majah Jenkins got his sword, and the Tillman pitchforks were not even in evidence.

While protesting that they would never postpone it the managers of the St. Louis world's fair have about reached the point when they meet announce a postponement.

Now that the federal patronage in Missouri is nearly all distributed our Republican party leaders should get together and devote a little time and attention to state politics.

In Missouri the constitution must be made to conform with the acts of the dominant party. In all other states the organic law of the commonwealth is held to be supreme.

It shows how profitable booting in public office can be made when a bootler in St. Louis can afford to forfeit a \$20,000 bond rather than take chances of trial with a suit of stripes at the finish.

Prof. Wm. H. Lynch, of Howell County, who was a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress in this district two years ago, is now a candidate for the nomination for superintendent of public schools.

Ex-Governor has his opponents for the Democratic Senatorial nomination faded. So much for playing in with the ring. If Missouri does not want a ringster in the U. S. Senate she will have to elect a Republican legislature.

Negro disfranchisement suits the Democrats all right, but when it comes to reducing their representation in Congress in the same ratio, why, then, is when our Democratic friends think their sacred states rights trampled upon, and raise the cry of force-billism.

The total revenue of the city of St. Louis last year was over \$10,000,000, or nearly \$20 per capita. The total revenue of Washington County last year was \$12,959, or 75 cents per capita. This shows the difference of being a taxpayer in the city and a taxpayer in the country. Our taxation is far from being excessive.

The Democrats here, having made up their ring ticket for the county offices, are now hard at work trying to make up a Republican ticket that would be easy beat. They are using all their blandishments upon such Republicans whom they know would be soreheaded if they failed for the nomination and beaten if nominated.

Editor Bell of the Independent is out for re-election as member of the Democratic Congressional Committee from this county. Viewing the situation from the other side of the fence it looks as though he will have to meet considerable opposition from such Democrats as have become dissatisfied with his conduct in playing Mr. Robb for his favorite.

The Independent thinks it very singular that every Republican paper in southeast Missouri is "against Mr. Robb." We fail to see anything very remarkable in the fact. Mr. Robb being a Democrat it would not be becoming in any Republican paper to endorse him for re-election. If the reference has a bearing upon his nomination, the Republican papers oppose him here for the reason that they feel Mr. Robb is a misfit as the representative of all the people of the Thirteenth Congressional district.

Let the Republicans of this county wake up to a general interest in their party ticket and the result of the next election will show

our county officials all the same political complexion. The reason that the Democrats have lately been so successful in carrying off the best county offices is that all Democrats take an interest in their local ticket and help to elect as many of their men as possible in the face of an almost overwhelming majority against their party. Their party ticket, no matter how poor the material which composes it, is always good enough for them to take straight. Let the Republicans get their politics down to the same basis and an election here will mean something more than a booze and boodle fight.

The city of St. Joseph (Mo.) elected a Republican mayor on the 8th inst. by a majority of only eight votes. His Democratic opponent, it was reported, was at first inclined to contest the election, but after recalling the fact that a Democratic supreme court had nailed up the ballot boxes, he concluded he saw no room for a contest. This Democrat is evidently too easily deterred from his object. He should have considered that the Missouri supreme court has a reversing lever for the exclusive benefit of its party friends. The defeated candidate for mayor need only to have taken his contest case before the supreme court to win it.

At a recent Democratic convention down in Wayne County Governor Dockery was endorsed for "his able and efficient manner of handling the state finances and school fund." This is the first intimation we have had that our Governor is something of a wizard, and, according to our Wayne County Democratic friends, he has brought back into existence, for a fleeting moment, presumably, a non-existent school fund and "handled" it. It must have been then that the fund was "in the pockets of the people." They had it a good deal like the small-boy assisting the nimble-fingered sleight-of-hand performer has the money the prestidigitator picks from his pocket or wrings from his nose.

One day last week Governor Dockery made an examination of the accounts of the state treasurer, and, from his report thereon, it seems that the books were all straight and a good balance on hand in the various funds of the state. As usual the Governor goes into a condition of ebullition in his joy that he can still find evidences of honesty in official conduct at Jefferson City. From the Governor's effusiveness over the situation one would naturally conclude that he must have approached the examination with some apprehension as to the outcome, and, on being relieved on this point, he rushes forth to tell the people that their money is all safe—yet. As a matter of course the people take it for granted that their servants at the state capital are honest until they are proven otherwise and must feel that there is no occasion for the Governor to prance out with such frequency to congratulate them upon the fact that the state fiscal officers have not stolen any of the funds. The Republicans have never contended that there was actual embezzlement going on under the ring rule which has dominated the state so long, but that there have been irregularities; that without warrant of constitutional power the Democrats have used the school and sinking funds for other than their intended purpose. That this is true—of the school fund at least—is confessed in the pending amendment to the constitution, which asks the people to legalize their breach of trust.

Our Mules.

If Missouri's big mule depot had been discovered in a Republican state there would be a great roar from the Missouri Democratic press that the cross of St. George had been run up on American soil and that the Republican party was playing into the hands of the British. Some of the Missouri Democrats in Congress have been denouncing the idea of American

representatives at the coronation of King Edward, and here comes the charge that Missouri is harboring a British camp. Not long ago the Missouri legislature passed a resolution of sympathy with Aguinaldo, and now some people insist that this Democratic state is surpassing any other part of the world in strengthening the British army in South Africa to hunt down the Boers. Seldom have the Missouri Democrats been so puzzled concerning what to say or do. Even Webster Davis failed to hurl a rhetorical thunderbolt at the mule camp at Lathrop. Perhaps he has just heard of Lathrop.

This great mule issue is easy enough to people of common sense. If mules forwarded to Africa are contraband the traffic should be stopped. But there is nothing known so far to support that view of the case. A mule is not merely a war implement. He is handy on a farm and in ordinary hauling. A mule sent to Africa may be especially useful in restoring a devastated farm. In any case, the question is one of ordinary international law. Missourians owning mules want the privilege of selling them, legally, for the prices obtainable. Fustian and gammon on the subject are useless. But if the mule camp had been located in Illinois, Iowa or Kansas, the Democratic papers in Missouri would have charged the President and the governor of that state with participating in a British conspiracy. In that case an asses' camp also might have been necessary at Lathrop for the benefit of mossback editors who are prone to abuse the national government on the strength of mean suspicion.—Globe-Democrat.

Let Cook Speak Out.

No man who is a true friend of the great state of Missouri should do less than to openly condemn the ring methods which prevail in the administration of affairs in this great state of Missouri. To do less would cause the fair name of the state to be defamed everywhere.

If Col. Sam B. Cook is really anxious for the good name of Missouri, let him use his knowledge to uncover the wickedness in high places. Let him explain the working of the Nesbit law in all its hideous infamy. Let him tell of the numerous violations of the constitution by his party and the various misappropriations of public funds by his party bosses; but don't charge their crookedness to the people of the great state of Missouri. The Democratic ring is not the state of Missouri, and it is no disgrace to anybody to hold the ring up to the scorn of honest men everywhere.

In spite of all the cussedness of the Democratic ring, which pretends to look after the welfare of the state, while it fills its pockets with money passed over by corruption attorneys for the purpose of influencing or buying the legislature, Missouri is a great state, with a rather small secretariat, but it will never reach its grand possibilities as it is run by the ring which now dominates the Democratic party.—Atchison County Journal.

Garden Seed—I refer to the Congressional brand—are just now very much in evidence. The mails are burdened to the limit with them, and the postmasters cuss at their expense. The average Congressman is mighty good to the farmer, the gardener and the guide housewife at this season every election year. He gives and he steals not in his giving, and he hopes his seeds may be like bread cast upon the waters. He is liberal in his giving, for it costs him nothing, not even the writing of the signature which sends his present free through Uncle Sam's pocket-carriage ramifications; for behold! the fac-simile of his official chirography is graven in rubber left to the hands of the government clerks who are beginning to complain of "the cacophonous arm." Great is the seed scheme! Tremendous the brain that conceived it and perfected it to the use of smaller minds seeking continued preferment! But for the people—the farmer, artisan, doctor, printer, blacksmith, kalsominer, et al, ad libitum—who in the round-up pay treble price for inferior grade! Puck well said, long ago, "what fools these mortals be!" and, like the Dutchman's wife, they seem to be growing "no better fast."—Ironton Register.

A \$10,000 railroad depot is being built at Bonne Terre by the B. T. & M. R. Ry Co.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR PRESIDING JUDGE. We are authorized to announce L. A. PAGE, of Johnson Township, as candidate for the office of Presiding Judge of the County Court, subject to nomination by the Republican party.

The Burning of the Southeast Normal.

The Southeast Missouri Normal School building at Cape Girardeau was destroyed by fire on April 8th. The fire seems to have started in the center of the building. The flames were first discovered at 11:45 p. m., and the fire spread so rapidly that the fire department was helpless in the situation and the building had to be left to its destruction.

The main part of the building was erected in 1874 at a cost of \$45,000. Later two large wings were added at a cost of perhaps \$10,000. The library, physical and chemical laboratory and other equipments of the school will run the total loss up to at least \$125,000, on which there was only \$34,000 insurance.

The Board of Regents of the school met the morning following the fire and made arrangements to continue the school to the end of term, securing the use of the court house as a temporary school building. Other buildings nearby will be used as recitation rooms.

Richwoods.

The farmers here have begun plowing for corn.

Mr. John Compton, who resided in Richwoods for a number of years and taught several terms of school in the Turkey Branch district, has moved to Fourche a Renault, where will live on his mother's farm.

Mr. John Northcut, of Rock Spring, visited his brother-in-law, Mr. V. M. Gough, of this place last week.

A grand ball was given by the local camp M. W. A. on the night of April 4th. A very pleasant time was reported by all who attended the function.

Born, to the wife of M. M. Harris, on April 9th, a fine baby girl. Hurrah for Mickey. Hello, Grandpa Pat.

The fishing season is coming on and all who take an interest in fishing are purchasing new tackle, or refurbishing their old outfits.

Messrs. Lapee & Dougherty have an immense pile of mineral—100,000 pounds—stacked up in their ore house.

There is a great deal of sickness round about us, pneumonia and severe colds are the dominating ailments.

TURKEY TRACK.

A NEARLY FATAL RUN AWAY. Started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill., which defied doctors and all remedies for four years. Then Bucklin's Arnica Salve cured him. Just as good for Boils, Burns, Bruises, Cuts, Corns, Scalds, Skin Eruptions and Piles. 25c at all dealers in medicines.

ROUND ABOUT US.

James A. Simms, aged 78, one of the oldest citizens of St. Francois County, died at his home near Farmington, on the 4th inst., of pneumonia.

A couple of troops of cavalry from Jefferson Barracks are expected at the ride range the latter part of the month. There will likely be soldiers at the range all summer.—Ironton Register.

A fire which destroyed the dwelling and furniture store of John L. Settle at Fredericktown, broke out last Wednesday night. The loss was between \$2000 and \$3000, fairly covered by insurance.

Jack Rogers, who had a reputation as a generally bad man, was shot and killed at Blodgett, Mo., on the 15th inst. by Lark Huey. The shooting was the outcome of an old grudge between the two men. Huey surrendered himself.

Wm. Rubey, an Elvins young man was fined \$10.00 in the police court Monday on a rather peculiar charge. It was shown by the testimony of several highly respected young ladies that he approached them on the street Sunday night and rudely proceeded to embrace and kiss them.—Lead Belt News.

A couple of swindlers, representing themselves as agents of the government to distribute corn and alfalfa seed to the farmers, have been operating in Madison County recently. Their plan is to call on farmers, offering government seed free, but collect "express charges" on it. The seed never show up. Look out for them.

One of the big, new engines, pulling a northbound freight encountered a spreading rail near Blackwell early Tuesday morning. The engine and fifteen cars left the track and were piled in the ditch on the right of way. No one was injured except for slight bruises. The train crew jumped. The engine was not badly damaged, but the cars were smashed to kindling wood.—De Soto Press.

Bird-Shot For Tiger.

No use to hunt tigers with bird-shot. It doesn't hurt if a tiger any and it's awfully risky for you.

Consumption is a tiger among diseases. It is stealthy—but once started it rapidly eats up the flesh and destroys the life. No use to go hunting it with ordinary food and medicine. That's only bird-shot. It still advances. Good heavy charges of Scott's Emulsion will stop the advance. The disease feels that.

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All creditors or others interested in the estate of Andrew C. Cole, deceased, are hereby notified that the undersigned administrator of said estate intends to make a final settlement of said estate at the next regular term of the Probate Court of Washington County, Missouri, to be held at Potosi, in said county, on the 24th Monday in May 1902.

W. T. HICKEY, Administrator.

Potosi, Mo., April 9, 1902.

A DOCTOR'S SAD FLIGHT.

"Two years ago, as a result of a severe cold, I lost my voice," writes Dr. M. L. Scarborough, of Hebron, Ohio, "then began an obstinate cough. Every remedy known to me as a practicing physician for 35 years, failed. I daily grew worse. Being urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, I found quick relief, and for the last ten days I have felt better than for two years." Positively guaranteed for Throat and Lung troubles by all dealers in medicines. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

No. 2 shaft of the Derby mine, which was partly flooded by water several days ago, was abandoned Tuesday. The Company had an immense amount of water to contend with all during the sinking of the shaft, making slow and expensive work. The shaft was 324 feet deep and the pump station was being cut when the main body of water was struck. The water raised 310 feet in eight hours but was held at that place by keeping five large pumps continuously at work. The pumps and pipe lines were all drawn out Tuesday and the men laid off.—Farmington Times.

SAVE THE LOVED ONES!

Mrs. Mary A. Villet, Newcastle, Col., writes: "I believe Ballard's Hoarhound Syrup is superior to any other cough medicine, and will do all that is claimed for it, and it is so pleasant to take. My little girl was to take it when she had no need for it." Ballard's Hoarhound Syrup is the great cure for all pulmonary ailments. 25c 50c and \$1.00 at Teasdale Drug Store Potosi and Sultor & Co., Richwoods.

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" O. F. Beal, Mineral Point.

TIME FOR HOLDING COURTS.

Circuit court—1st Monday in March and 4th Monday in August.

County court—1st Monday in February, May, August and November.

Probate court—2nd Monday in February, May, August and November.

Due notice of special terms will be given whenever announced.

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